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SUBJECT: OPERATIONS OF USNS BARTLETT

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1. THE TEXT OF THE "VERBAL NOTE" FROM THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1977 (REF. B)  
IN REPLY TO OUR NOTE CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE  
USNS BARTLETT (REF A) IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
PRESENT THEIR COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE LATTER'S  
NOT NO 345 CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES  
OF USNS BARTLETT, HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY  
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC HEREBY  
AGREE WITH RESPECT TO THE SAID SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH,  
NAMELY: THE STUDY OF THE CLIMATIC DEPENDENCE OF QUARTZ  
DISPERSAL IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEDIMENTS, INCLUDING  
SEISMIC REFLECTION PROFILES, MAGNETOMETER PROFILES AND  
UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY AND ALSO INCLUDING CERTAIN CORING  
OPERATIONS.

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3. THE CONSENT OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT COVERS THE SEABED  
APPERTAINING TO GREECE UP TO THE BOUNDARY LINE DRAWN  
BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE HELLENIC AND THE ITALIAN  
REPUBLICS IN THEIR AGREEMENT ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE  
CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN THEM, DATED 25 MAY 1977,  
WHICH SEABED IS PART OF THE GREEK CONTINENTAL SHELF.

4. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT APPRECIATE THE WILLINGNESS  
OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SHARE WITH THEM THE RESEARCH  
PLANS, SCIENTIFIC DATA AND REPORTS ASSOCIATED WITH OR  
TO BE PRODUCED FROM USNS BARTLETT'S RESEARCH OPERATIONS  
AND ACCEPT THEIR INVITATION TO SEND AN OFFICIAL SCIENTIFIC  
REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD USNS BARTLETT AND OBSERVE AND  
PARTICIPATE IN THAT SHIP'S RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.  
COMMANDER ANASTASIOS LIONAKIS, OF THE HELLENIC NAVY'S  
OCEANOGRAPHIC SERVICE, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE GREEK  
GOVERNMENT'S SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE AND SHALL BOARD  
USNS BARTLETT AT KALAMATA ON NOVEMBER 26, 1977.

5. THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAIL THEMSELVES  
OF THIS OPPORTUNITY OF REITERATING TO THE EMBASSY OF  
THE U.S.A. THE ASSURANCES OF THEIR HIGHERST CONSIDERATION.  
END TEXT.  
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